



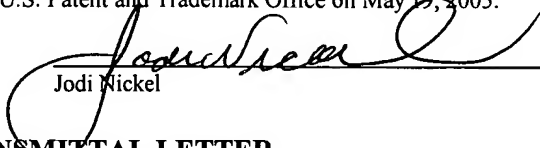
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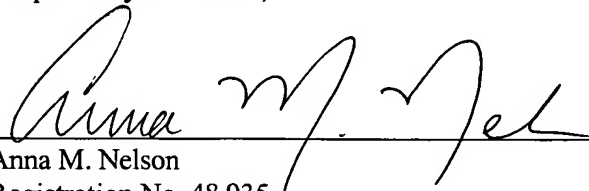
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
  - ☒ PTO Form 1449
  - ☒ Cited References
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiencies or overpayments, which may have been overlooked on this Transmittal Letter with regard to this filing, to Deposit Account No. 13-2546. A duplicate of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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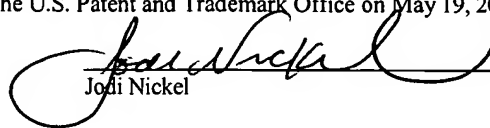


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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed modified Form PTO-1449. No inference should be made that the cited references are in fact material, are in fact prior art, or that no better art exists. The cited patents are listed in numerical order and are not in any order based on their pertinence.

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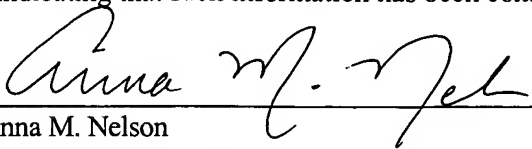
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